

**In the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Amended): A composition of matter comprising:  
    a solid support;  
    a bibulous positively charged substrate; and at least one  
    water soluble tetrazolium salt on at least one surface of said positively charged  
    substrate,  
    wherein the bibulous positively charged substrate is configured as a membrane test  
    pad and is affixed to the solid support.

Claims 2-3 cancelled.

4. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said water soluble tetrazolium salt is part of an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.
5. (Original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.
6. (Original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.
7. (Original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an electron transfer agent.
8. (Original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.
9. (Original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system is present as a reagent composition.